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January's Agenda

- ♦ Greetings
Cindy Cagle
- ♦ Mini Exhibit
TBA
- ♦ New & Views
TBA
- ♦ Coin Quiz
TBA
- ♦ Refreshments
TBA

Presidents Message

I would like to thank everyone for your faith in voting me for the office of President for 2019 - 2020. I am excited to be working with the board, and especially our Youth members for we all know that we can learn from them and their inquisitive minds. With the new board members, some of whom have never served before, I am certain we can get some fresh ideas for the Society. I am also excited for the opportunity to get to know more people/members on a one and one basis and hopefully learn from them. I hope that everyone had a nice holiday season celebrating with family and friends. I would like to thank everyone who helped put our Christmas Party together, it was nice and the prizes were awesome. It is nice to see everyone come out to support our club.

I would like to thank Larry Nielsen for stepping up as our President in 2018 and also Robie Cagle stepping up as Vice President. I look forward to seeing

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everyone at our January 8th meeting. We will be having a final vote on our Bylaws, which everyone shall have had emailed them prior to this meeting. These Bylaws have been reviewed by an attorney prior to having been sent out to everyone and have met with approval. Our agenda for this meeting will be announced on the eighth, but it will be great!

Thank You for all your hard work!

Cindy Cagle
President elect

January 2019 Meeting
7:00 PM January 8th



RARE COINS AT FUN

Doug Nyholm

Images Courtesy of Heritage

I recently received the Heritage catalogs for their FUN auction . This first show and auction of the year is highlighted by both a “Platinum” session and ‘Signature’ session for both coins and currency. Heritage has conducted this auction for many years and it is always packed full of gorgeous rarities. This year is no exception, in fact Heritage has outdone themselves. In flipping through their coin catalog with all the Platinum delicacies there is barely a page that wouldn’t make a numismatist drool.

The cover of the catalog shows four of the rarest coins in existence. First is a 1793 S-1 Ameri. Large cent graded MS-64+ Brown. There are actually tinges



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of red showing on this coin. Just one word describes this coin “WOW!”

Following is an 1879 \$4 gold coin with a coiled hair obverse. \$4 gold coins are rare enough with the more common example being a 1879 Flowing hair coin but the coiled hair 1879 is an outstanding rarity which is rarely offered at auction. As an additional note, both coiled and flowing hair \$4 coins from 1880 are also excessively rare. The final two coins shown on the cover are two additional rarely offered coins, the 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars of which only 10 and 5 examples, respectfully, are known. There is an exceptional multi-page history and description of both coins included in the catalog. You can also read about them by going to the Heritage website to read the same description and article.

As I stated, almost every page in their Platinum catalog has something exceptional. I do realize that the number of collectors who receive these catalogues or otherwise observe the coins online and that can afford such gems are few indeed. Collectors with millions in their bank accounts available for rare coin purchase are small. Many collectors struggle and save for years even to purchase that 1909-SVDB Lincoln to complete their collections. So why even concern yourself with offerings which reach 6 or 7 digits? I love coins and the history that comes from the study of them. This includes not only who has purchased or sold them, but the history involved as to how they came to be. The economics of the time, the politics involved both often led to their design elements, and finally the public need or demand for these coins and why and how many were pro-

duced.

Researchers and catalogers such as employed by Heritage and other companies perform a very significant part in both publishing and uncovering information regarding our coins and their history. As you read this it is 2019 and even today, over 225 years since our first mint opened in 1793 there is still new information coming to light.

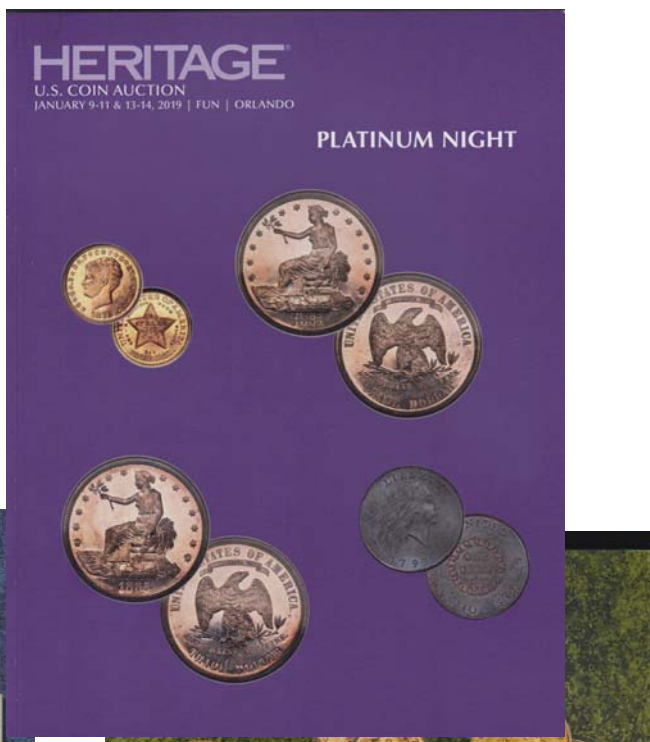
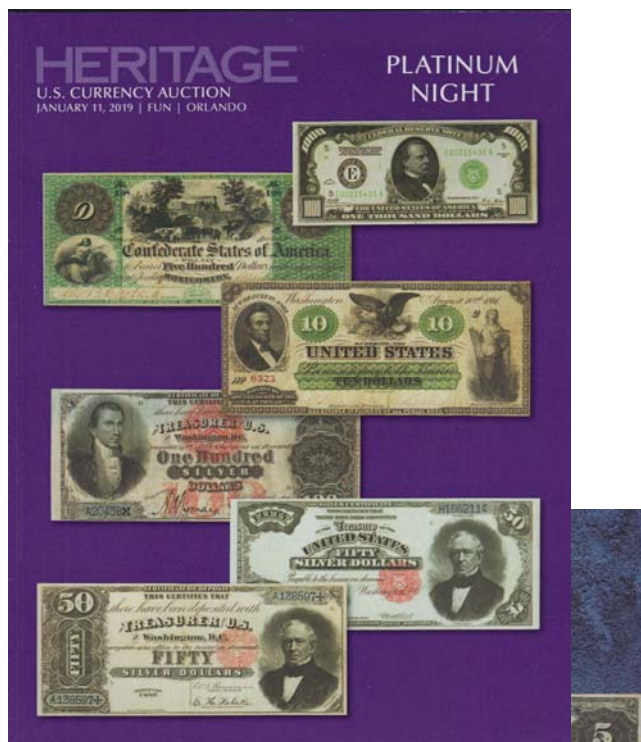
Finally getting back to the Heritage sale, following are just a few other amazing rarities to be offered. My only question is how many times will the million-dollar mark be surpassed in this January auction in Orlando?

- 1652 NE Shilling (The rarest NE Variety)
- 1792 Washington Getz Silver Pattern Half Dollar
- 1792 Siler Center Cent SP-58
- 1795 Jefferson Head Cent
- 1792 Half Disme MS-63+
- 1792 Disme SP-55 Copper
- 1864-L Proof Indian Cent
- 1922 No D Cent MS-64 RB
- 1943 Bronze Lincoln Cent
- 1909- VDB Lincoln Matte Proof (3 examples offered!)
- 1937-D 3-leg Buffalo MS-67
- Run of Proof early Dimes 1820/21/42over2/25/27/29/31/34 and 1835
- Run of Proof early Quarters 1818/19/21/22/27over3/28/31/33/34/35/36 and 1838

Now is the time to complete that set of early Proof dimes and quarters you have been searching for!

- 1797 Half dollar (4 examples)
- 1878-S Half dollar (2 Examples)
- 1794 Silver Dollar VF-30 (be the second UNS member to own one!)
- 1884-S Morgan Dollar (4 examples in UNC offered)
- 1892-S Morgan Dollar in MS-64
- 1893-S Morgan in MS-63
- 1895 Proof Morgan (4 examples offered)
- 1922 High Relief Peace Dollar SP-64
- Sac/Statehood Mule MS-67 (18th known example)
- 1875 Proof-65 \$3 gold
- 1861-S Paquet \$20
- 1921 Saint \$20
- 1860 \$5 Mormon Gold in MS-62





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rarely offered 'High Relief'
1922 Peace Dollar.



Above is something I never remember seeing before. A run of 9 different early **Proof** Bust Dimes.

Also included in the auction is a similar run of 12 early Proof Bust Quarters.

Below is the newly discovered 18th mule known of the 2000-P Sacagawea/Statehood Quarter MS-67



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1884 Trade Dollar
PR66 NGC. CAC
Ex: Eliasberg



1885 Trade Dollar
PR66 NGC
Ex: Eliasberg



1875 Trade Dollar
PR67 PCGS



1875-S Trade Dollar
MS67 PCGS. CAC



1875-S/CC Trade Dollar
MS65 NGC



1878-S Trade Dollar
MS68 PCGS. CAC



1878-CC Trade Dollar
MS65 PCGS. CAC



1882 Trade Dollar
PR68 Cameo PCGS. CAC

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1885 Trade Dollar, PR66

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There are multiple books written about such rarities as the 1804 Dollars and the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. Not nearly as much has been written regarding the mysterious 1885 Trade Dollar. Reprinted here courtesy Heritage is their auction description and details for the presently offered 1885 Dollar.



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1885 T\$1 PR66 NGC. The 1885 Trade dollar is one of the rarest and most enigmatic issues in all of American coinage. The coins were almost certainly struck in the first half of 1885, but they only began appearing publicly early in the 20th century, 25 years after they were minted. Only five examples are known, making them just as rare as the celebrated 1913 Liberty nickel (five specimens accounted for), and much more elusive than their more famous 1804 dollar cousins (15 examples known). The coins are exhibited infrequently, since there are no examples in the great institutional collections at the Smithsonian, ANS, or ANA, and the last auction appearance of any specimen of the 1885 Trade dollar was in 2004, almost 15 years ago. Heritage Auctions is privileged to present the finest-known 1885 Trade dollar, from the fabulous Eliasberg Collection, in just its third auction appearance.

Origins of the 1885 Trade Dollar

Unlike their closely related 1884 counterparts, Mint records reveal nothing about the striking of the 1885 Trade dollars. They are not mentioned in the *Annual Report of the Director of the Mint* for that year and the dies are not listed in the Straub *Die Record Book*, a telling omission. However, we can narrow down the striking period for the 1885 Trade dollars by noting that R.W. Julian found records indicating the reverse die used on the 1884 Trade dollar was destroyed on January 2, 1885. The 1885 Trade dollar features a new reverse die that must have been produced after the 1884 reverse was destroyed. We can also reasonably assume the 1885 Trade dollars were struck before Philadelphia Mint Superintendent Archibald Loudon Snowden resigned at the end of June in 1885. Snowden's replacement as Superintendent was Daniel Fox, a straight-arrow appointee who adhered strictly to the new rules about not selling patterns or restrikes to collectors for any reason. Therefore, it seems certain the 1885 Trade dollars were struck between January 2, 1885 and June of the same year.

All indications are the coins were struck in the Philadelphia Mint in the year of their date. The lack of docu-

mentation indicates they may have been struck clandestinely, but the Trade dollar was not officially discontinued until 1887, so it is still possible that the coins were produced for some legitimate purpose, such as inclusion in the proof sets of that year. The Mint had been producing Trade dollars in proof-only mintages since 1878 to satisfy collector demand and the order to not include Trade dollars in the 1884 proof sets only arrived after 264 proofs had already been struck the previous year. It is possible that the five 1885 Trade dollars we know about today are survivors of an aborted, but legitimate, proof mintage that was cancelled at the last minute, like the 1884 issue. Then, the coins could have been purchased legally by Snowden and preserved for posterity. In any case, the 1885 Trade dollars were struck on Mint equipment, in the year of their date, in the style of normal proofs of previous years, and on correct planchets, unlike the clandestine Class III 1804 dollars, 1827 Restrike quarters, and proof dollars of 1801, 1802, and 1803.

Original Owners and First Appearances of the 1885 Trade Dollar

Colonel Archibald Loudon Snowden had a long, if somewhat disjointed, career at the Mint, first serving as a Register under his uncle, Mint Director James Ross Snowden, in 1857. His career was interrupted by the Civil War, but he served as Chief Coiner from 1866-1877, and as Superintendent from 1879-1885. Snowden's career spanned the era of clandestine strikings (and restriking) of many Mint-made delicacies, which were produced for sale to collectors and for profit of the various Mint personnel involved. These abuses reached a height during the tenure of Mint Director Henry Linderman (1873-1878), which coincided with Snowden's service as Chief Coiner. Snowden acquired a large collection of patterns and "special" issues in his career at the Mint. He later sold many of these coins through coin dealer John W. Haseltine and his son-in-law, Stephen Nagy, in the early 1900s. Most famously, Snowden sold the two 1877 half union fifty dollar gold patterns, through Haseltine, to William Woodin in 1909, around the same time the 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars began to appear. The sale of the half unions aroused widespread public outcry, as it was felt they should never have been sold to private parties and rightfully belonged in the Mint Cabinet. Legal proceedings were begun to force Woodin to return the two coins, for which he had paid \$20,000, to the government, but a last-minute deal was worked out in which Woodin returned the coins to the Mint in exchange for a hoard of patterns and other coins from Snowden's holdings. A June 7, 1910-dated letter from Woodin's attorney to U.S. Attorney Henry W. Wise establishes that Snowden was the original owner of the half unions, which were long mistakenly believed to be the property of Haseltine's father-in-law, coin dealer William Idler (thanks to Saul Teichman for publishing this letter on USPatterns.com):

"Col. Snowden, who had originally purchased these coins from the Director of the Mint in Philadelphia by depositing the bullion value and the charge for pattern pieces to save them from being melted down, in the course of negotiations between himself and Dr. Andrew, Director of the Mints, came to an agreement with the latter over all matters in dispute between them, and proposed to Mr. Woodin to repay him the \$20,000 he had paid for these pieces, in order that he might carry out his arrangement with Dr. Andrew. Mr. Woodin after numerous visits to Philadelphia and Washington and conference with Dr. Andrew, both there and in this city, decided to accept this offer, returned the 50's to Col. Snowden, and thereupon notified Mr. Pratt, as did Mr. Woodin, that the incident was closed, and we requested a letter from your office confirming the same. In view of the trouble and expense to which Mr. Woodin was put to facilitate Dr. Andrew in the adjustment of a very difficult situation, your letter seems a little unfair, in that it would tend to create the appearance of a record some time in the future that Mr. Woodin had been compelled to give up something of which he was improperly in possession."

Snowden could not afford to refund Woodin's money in cash. Instead, he exchanged "several trunks" of patterns and other coins that he had acquired over the years for the return of the half unions, which he then returned to the Mint. The pattern hoard Woodin acquired became the basis for the popular pattern reference he wrote with Edgar Adams in 1913.

The 1884 Trade dollars were initially marketed by Haseltine and Nagy, beginning around 1907. Haseltine specifically mentioned them in his address at the ANA Convention in 1908, but made no mention of the 1885 issue:

"One of the oldtime dealers, and also a collector, was the late Mr. William Idler of this city at the time when Mr. Cogan was also a dealer in Philadelphia. Mr. Idler was my father-in-law and he was very reticent about his collection. He would seldom show his coins, even for sale. This was partly caused by the fear that the many pattern and experimental coins he possessed might be seized. Hence the many remarkable pieces that have been found in his collection. Some were not known prior to his death, to be in existence, including the 1884 Trade dollar and some unique United States gold pieces."

Although Haseltine and Nagy were the first dealers to offer the 1884 Trade dollars, their role in marketing the 1885s is less clear. Contemporary numismatists naturally assumed the 1885s had been found in Idler's estate, along with the 1884s, even though Haseltine made no such claim. In view of the half union transaction, involving Snowden and Woodin, with Haseltine as the go-between, it seems much more likely that Snowden was the real owner of the 1885 Trade dollars. He was in the perfect position to have the coins struck in 1885, and to acquire them in the same manner as he did the half union patterns. It seems unlikely he would sell all 10 specimens of the 1884 and all five examples of the 1885 to Idler at their time of issue, when he so carefully preserved the large number of patterns and other issues he acquired until many years later. It seems equally unlikely that Idler (who was in his mid-70s in 1885) would have held so many coins for so many years, if he bought them in 1885, since he was primarily a buyer and seller of "special" Mint products, not a hoarder. Finally, it strains credulity to think that an established dealer in clandestine Mint strikings, like Haseltine, would not sell some 1885 Trade dollars to Virgil Brand in the 1907-1908 time frame (along with the 1884s) if he had acquired them in 1901. Altogether, it seems much more credible that the 1885 Trade dollars (and some of the 1884s) were the property of Snowden, from the time they were struck until he began selling off his holdings in the early 1900s.

We have found no sale record of any 1885 Trade dollar traced to Haseltine or Nagy. The first sale of an 1885 Trade dollar we have any record of took place on 4/26/1911, when Edgar Adams sold an example to super-collector Virgil Brand for \$750. By January 1912, Judson Brenner reported owning examples of both the 1884 and 1885 in an article in *The Numismatist*. The first auction appearance of an 1885 Trade dollar was in lot 392 of the H.O. Granberg Collection (B. Max Mehl, 7/1913). There was also an 1884 Trade dollar in that sale. Granberg also exhibited a complete set of Trade dollars at the ANS Exhibition in 1914, including another 1884 and 1885. The fifth example of the 1885 Trade dollar surfaced in March of 1915, when Edgar Adams offered an 1884 and an 1885 in an ad in *The Numismatist*. Judson Brenner, H.O. Granberg, and Edgar Adams were all numismatic associates of William Woodin. Brenner and Granberg purchased many of Woodin's duplicate patterns when he began thinning out his holdings after the deal with Snowden. Edgar Adams was perhaps his closest associate and Woodin sold many coins through him over the years. The fact that the first five appearances of the 1885 Trade dollar took place within this tight circle after the Snowden-Woodin exchange in 1910 is very suggestive. While nothing can be proven, it seems most likely that William Woodin received the 1885 Trade dollars (and possibly some of the 1884s) as part of his compensation for the returned 1877 half union gold patterns in 1910. He then marketed the coins to his close associates and they were all dispersed by 1915. Haseltine and Nagy were associated with these coins because of their reputation as "fences" for Mint-made delicacies and because they handled some of the 1884 Trade dollars earlier, but they probably played no part in the distribution of the 1885 issue.

The 1885 Trade Dollar 1915- Circa 1940

Soon after their initial distribution, the 1885 Trade dollars were absorbed into a few long-term private collections and virtually vanished from numismatic view for a quarter of a century. One coin went to Virgil Brand, through Edgar Adams in 1911 and remained in that collection until the late 1930s. Another speci-

men may have gone to Brand in 1919, when Judson Brenner sold a number of coins and other numismatic items, including the dies for the Confederate cent, to him privately. Two more coins passed through the collection of "Colonel" E.H.R. Green and only surfaced in the 1940s, when his estate began selling his collection through dealers like B.G. Johnson and Stack's. The present coin was acquired by prominent collector William Cutler Atwater. The circumstances of his acquisition are unknown, but Atwater stopped collecting in the early 1920s and the latest date of any coin in his collection was 1923, so the transaction must have occurred at an early date. Atwater's collection was sold posthumously through B. Max Mehl in 1946. No specimen of the 1885 Trade dollar was offered at auction in the years between the Granberg sale in 1913 and Mehl's Olsen sale in 1944, a period of 31 years. The 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars were listed together, with no prices given, in the 1936 edition of the *Standard Catalogue of United States Coins & Currency*, "These two dates are exceedingly rare and were not known until recent years when several of them were discovered in a collection of proof sets."

The 1885 Trade Dollar, 1940s-Present

The 1885 Trade dollar has followed a boom or bust pattern of activity ever since the 1940s. After its long hibernation, the 1885 Trade dollar saw a flurry of activity in the 1940s, when three specimens appeared in B. Max Mehl auctions during the decade and another was offered for sale in *The Numismatist*. The pace continued unabated in the following decade, which saw four auction appearances, through Mehl, Kosoff, Sotheby's, and Stack's.

As might be expected, the pace of auction appearances slowed considerably after that, as three of the coins were impounded in the strongly held collections of Amon Carter, Louis Eliasberg, and the Norwebs. Only one coin was offered at auction in the 1960s, and there were no auction sales in the 1970s.

Fortunately for collectors, the drought ended after that and the 1980s was the most active decade in the history of the 1885 Trade dollar. The issue racked up seven auction appearances during that period, as the Carter and Norweb collections came on the market and three of the five known specimens made multiple auction appearances.

Apparently, the coins have largely been moving through private channels ever since. Only two auction appearances are recorded for the 1990s and this offering is only the third appearance of the issue since the millennium.

The Present Coin

As stated above, this coin was acquired by William Cutler Atwater sometime before 1923. Atwater compiled one of the most important collections of the first half of the 20th century. His holdings included two 1804 dollars and both the 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars. The 1885 was described in lot 378:

"1885 United States Trade Dollar. Perfect brilliant gem proof. Only five specimens said to have been struck. Only available when great collections like this come on the market. This specimen has been in one collection for more than a quarter of a century. I know of no U.S. Silver Dollar more rare than this great coin, not even excepting the 1804 Dollar. Latest record \$1,275.00. It is strange and rather interesting how these great rarities are offered or rather how they come on the market. While in the past three years I have handled three of these great rarities, but this number represents those I have handled in more than twenty five years. As in the case of the 1884 Trade Dollar, this is only available when great collections are dispersed."

The lot realized a record price of \$1,450, as collectors recognized the outstanding quality and absolute rarity of this specimen. The buyer was Baltimore financier Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. Eliasberg was a true connoisseur of coins and he formed the only complete collection of U.S. federal coins in numismatic histo-

ry. After he died, his collection was divided between his heirs and sold in a series of blockbuster auctions in the 1980s and '90s. This 1885 Trade dollar was described in lot 2354 of the Eliasberg Collection, Part II (Stack's/Bowers and Merena, 4/1997) in a four-page lot description titled "Incredible Gem 1885 Trade Dollar/Finest by Far of Just Five Known/Landmark American Rarity/A Highlight of the Eliasberg Collection." The lot realized \$907,500, a remarkable price at the time, when only two coins, the Eliasberg 1913 Liberty nickel and the 1804 dollar from the same collection had sold for more than \$1 million. This remarkable coin has changed hands a few times privately since the Eliasberg sale, the last time selling for \$3.3 million in 2006, but it has never been publicly offered since.

Physical Description

The present coin is a delightful Premium Gem, the finest-certified specimen by three grading points. The design elements are sharply detailed in most areas but, like all examples of the 1885 issue, stars 5 through 9 show a touch of flatness on the centers. There is a tiny surface irregularity in the upper reverse field, between the final S in STATES and the O in OF and a tiny depression is evident between the M and E in AMERICA. The impeccably preserved surfaces include deeply mirrored fields that exhibit noticeable, if undesignated, cameo contrast with the frosty devices. Highlights of champagne-gold toning enhance the terrific eye appeal of this spectacular piece.

Few coins can match the combination of extreme rarity, highest available technical quality, and tremendous visual appeal this coin possesses. As the finest of just five known examples, with an illustrious pedigree to some of the most famous collections of all time, this lot is one of the most important offerings in this, or any other sale. The cataloger of the Eliasberg description noted, "The present coin, a highlight of the Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. Collection, is one of the most important offerings of our generation. Its next owner will have a fantastic treasure." Off the market for more than 20 years, this coin may not become available again in the collecting life of most numismatists reading this catalog. The discerning collector will bid accordingly.

Roster of 1885 Trade Dollars

This roster was compiled with the assistance of Wayne Burt, John Dannreuther, Ron Guth, and Saul Teichman. Grades are per the last auction appearance, unless a subsequent certification event is known.

1. Eliasberg Specimen, PR66 NGC. Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint Archibald Loudon Snowden in 1885; possibly William Woodin in 1910; William Cutler Atwater; Atwater Collection (B. Max Mehl, 6/1946), lot 378; Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr.; Eliasberg Collection, Part II (Bowers and Merena, 4/1997), lot 2354, realized \$907,500; Jay Parrino; Bruce Morelan via Legend for \$1.5 million in 1999; Bruce Morelan traded this coin and the Eliasberg 1884 Trade dollar in 2006-2007 to John Albanese; both the 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars were then sold to Heritage by John Albanese; the 1885 was sold privately by Heritage Auctions for \$3.3 million in January 2006. **The present coin.**

2. Simpson Specimen, PR63+ Cameo PCGS. Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint Archibald Loudon Snowden in 1885; possibly William Woodin in 1910; Waldo Newcomer (per Carl Carlson), displayed at the 1916 ANA Convention; "Colonel" E.H.R. Green; B.G. Johnson; Jack Roe; Ryan, Roe, and Waltman Collections (B. Max Mehl, 6/1945), lot 628; Jerome Kern; Kern Collection (B. Max Mehl, 5/1950), lot 897; Amon Carter, Sr.; Amon Carter, Jr.; Carter Family Collection (Stack's, 1/1984), lot 441; Kevin Lipton; Auction '84 (Superior, 7/1984), lot 192; Fred Fredericks; Hoffecker Collection (Superior, 2/1987), lot 1446B; Eugene Worrell Collection (Superior, 9/1993), lot 1325; Rudolph Collection (Stack's, 5/2003), lot 2175; Legend Numismatics; Simpson Collection.

3. Farouk Specimen, PR62 NGC. Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint Archibald Loudon Snowden in 1885; possibly William Woodin in 1910; H.O. Granberg; Granberg Collection (B. Max Mehl, 7/1913), lot 392 (plated); Ruth Green advertisement in the December 1941 issue of *The Numismatist*, page 976 (plated); King Farouk; Palace Collections of Egypt (Sotheby's, 2/1954), lot 1680; Ambassador and Mrs. R. Henry Norweb; Norweb Collection, Part II (Bowers and Merena, 3/1988), lot 1848; Dan Drykerman; private New York collection; sold privately by Bowers and Merena in 1992; New York private collection; Richmond Collection (David Lawrence, 11/2004), lot 1569.

4. Adolphe Menjou Specimen, Brilliant Proof. Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint Archibald Loudon Snowden in 1885; possibly William Woodin in 1910; Edgar Adams; sold to Virgil Brand on 4/26/1911 for \$750; Armin Brand; consigned to B.G. Johnson on 11/2/1936, reportedly sold 11/1937; Clinton Hester; Adolphe Menjou Collection (Numismatic Gallery, 6/1950), lot 2041; Benjamin Stack, advertised in the *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine* in March of 1955; Farish Baldenhofer Collection (Stack's, 11/1955), lot 1040; private collection; Julian Leidman, Mike Brownlee, and Hugh Sconyers; Jim Halperin/New England Rare Coin Galleries, circa 1974; John Kamin/ *The Forecaster Moneyletter*; private collection.

5. Olsen Specimen, Brilliant Proof. Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint Archibald Loudon Snowden in 1885; possibly William Woodin in 1910; unknown intermediaries; Fred Olsen Collection (B. Max Mehl, 11/1944), lot 1767; George Ewalt; Ewalt Collection (Stack's, 11/1965), lot 43; Leo Young; Auction '80 (RARCOA, 8/1980), lot 1626; Julian Leidman; Mike Follett; private collection; Auction '84 (RARCOA, 7/1984), lot 1810; John Rowe III; L.R. French Collection (Stack's, 1/1989), lot 202; Charles Barasch/ International Coins & Currency, circa 1992; Northeast collection.

Additional Appearances

A. Proof. Judson Brenner owned an example of both the 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars, as reported in the January 1912 issue of *The Numismatist* on page 23. These coins may have gone to Virgil Brand along with other coins and the dies for the Confederate cent, which were purchased as a group from Brenner in 1919, but the Brand journals are not clear on this.

B. Proof. H.O. Granberg exhibited a complete set of Trade dollars, including the 1884 and 1885, in the 1914 ANS Exhibition (in addition to the 1884 and 1885 he sold with his collection in 1913, see number 3 above).

C. Proof. Edgar Adams offered both an 1884 and an 1885 Trade dollar in an advertisement in *The Numismatist* in March of 1915.

D. Proof. "Colonel" Green owned at least one more 1885 Trade dollar (in addition to the coin in number 2 above) according to the inventory of his collection. In the Eliasberg catalog, it is mentioned that B.G. Johnson sold this coin to the Celina Company (Carl and Ted Brandt) and they advertised it in the June 1944 issue of *The Numismatist* on page 546.

E. Proof. St. Louis coin dealer B.G. Johnson offered an example of the 1885 Trade dollar to Stack's on 8/23/1943 for \$800.

F. Proof. B.G. Johnson offered another example of the 1885 Trade dollar to B. Max Mehl on 4/3/1944 for \$775. This might be the coin in the Waltman/Roe Collection in number 2 above.

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1936 Proof. Catalogs \$10.00. Special	5.15
1937 Proof. Catalogs \$6.00. Special	3.10
1938 Jefferson head. Proof. Catalogs \$3.00	1.35
1941 Proof. Catalogs \$2.00	1.05

1941 Dime. Proof. Catalogs \$1.50. Special95
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THREE-CENTS, NICKEL

1876 Proof. Catalogs \$7.50. Special	3.95
1870 Proof. Catalogs \$8.50. Special	4.55
1879 Proof. Catalogs \$4.00. Special	2.35
1881 Proof. Catalogs \$4.50. Special	2.05

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1858 Uncirculated. Catalogs \$1.50. Special90
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1. What was the lowest mintage 20th century non-gold circulating coin?
A) 1916 Standing Lib Quarter B) 1913-S Barber Quarter
C) 1901-S Barber Quarter D) 1915 Barber Half
2. Which series of coins had the highest number of dates/mints with less than a million mintage?
A) Barber Halves B) Walking Halves
C) Morgan Dollars D) \$20 St. Gaudens
3. What date is the lowest mintage 21'st century Mint Set?
A) 2017 B) 2016
C) 2015 D) 2014
4. Which of the modern Commemorative \$5 gold coins has the lowest mintage?
A) 2017-W Boys Town B) 2016-W National Parks 100th
C) 1997-W Jackie Robinson D) 1996-W Smithsonian
5. The lowest mintage 20th century gold coin issued for circulation had a mintage of 12,367, what was it?

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1856 Flying Eagle Cent.
Proof-66 (PCGS). CAC.



1919-S Buffalo Nickel.
MS-65+ (PCGS). CAC.



1824/2 Capped Bust Quarter.
B-1. Rarity-3.
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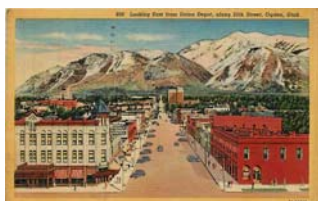


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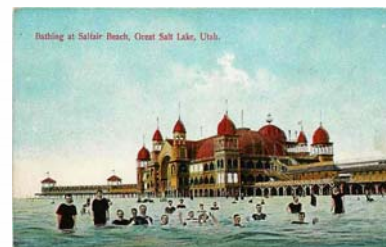
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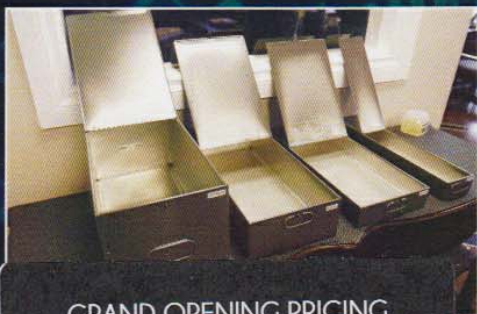
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Doug Nyholm

I can hardly believe that it is 2019. I want to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year. I was busy for Christmas and actually got all my shopping done early which was a definite first for me. Both my bookroom and home office however are a mess and my first New Year's resolution is to get everything organized.

I want to wish all of our returning and new officers and board members the knowledge and wisdom to guide and lead the UNS through 2019. I also hope that it will be a great year for the UNS and that there will be something for everyone to enjoy during our meetings.

Also that with the help of everyone that we will grow our membership and especially find ways to bring additional youth into both our club and into numismatics in general.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sincerely,
Doug Nyholm



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Promptness Prize: 2018 S Innovation Pf. \$

Junior Prize: First day of issue cover – SBA \$

Member Prize: 1966 silver Canadian dollar

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- 2- 1944 silver dime
- 3- 1922 silver Peace \$
- 4- 1945 s micro s silver dime
- 5- 1908 Indian cent
- 6- 1945 s micro s silver dime
- 7- 1958 Canadian silver \$ TOTEM
- 8- 1982 Commemorative half dollar
- 9- Old Red Book
- 10- UNS Christmas medal
- 11- 2018 \$ set Innovation
- 12- Nuts Christmas medal
- 13- 2018 \$ set Innovation
- 14- 1888 O MORGAN silver \$
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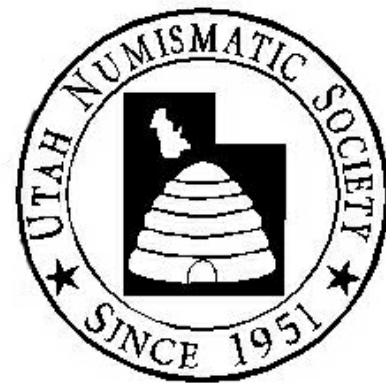
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FOR 2019 AS IT RELATES TO THE UTAH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (UNS)**

The America the Beautiful (ATB) Quarters program for 2019 brings the finish line for the current program into view as there are only eleven coins remaining to complete the program. As has been done for the past few years, this year UNS members will have easy access to the circulation quality quarters struck at the San Francisco Mint. I will continue to obtain one roll (40 coins per roll) of each quarter issued for purchase by society members on a first come, first served basis. The cost will remain 75¢ per coin with 25¢ going to the UNS and the coins will be holdered in marked 2x2 cardboard/Mylar flips. The coins will be available at the first UNS meeting after receipt except for the December Christmas meeting due to its very full agenda.

The last coin for 2018 was the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge of Rhode Island which was received on Nov. 17, 2018. It will be available for purchase at the January UNS meeting. The condition of these coins was much better overall than the two that preceded it. The picture of its reverse appears below and to the left (Figure 1).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

The first quarter for 2019 will be Lowell National Historic Park in Massachusetts, Figure 2, scheduled for release on 2/4/19 and should be available at the March meeting. The second quarter will be the American Memorial Park in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Figure 3, on 4/1/19. If shipping is timely, it might be available at the April meeting. If not, it'll be the May meeting. The third coin, Figure 4, is to be released on 6/3/19 honoring War in the Pacific National Historic Park in Guam and will be available at the July meeting. The next quarter will be the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park in Texas, Figure 5, to be released 8/26/19 and should be available at the September meeting. The last 2019 quarter is the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in Idaho, Figure 6, which is scheduled for release on 11/4/19. It could be available at the November meeting, but more likely the January 2020 meeting. I hope this visibility helps with your planning.

PHIL CLARK



Figure 5



Figure 6

UNS Membership Application

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Quiz answers

1. 1913-S Barber Quarter
2. Barber Halves
3. 2017
4. 2017-W Boys Town
5. 1907 \$20 High Relief